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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2022

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator

Subject: Proposed changes to the 2023-2024 hunt structure and season dates for Utah's once-in-a-lifetime species

The attached documents summarize the DWR's recommended changes to hunt structure and season dates for once-in-a-lifetime species.

Recommended changes by species:

Bison

1. New hunt:
 - a. The DWR is recommending an additional late-season bison hunt in the Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South unit to spread out hunting pressure and reduce hunter crowding on the earlier hunts.

Bighorn sheep

1. New hunt:
 - a. The DWR is recommending a new desert bighorn sheep hunt on the Mineral Mountains unit, beginning in 2024.

Mountain goat

1. Discontinued hunt:
 - a. The DWR recommends discontinuing the North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central archery-only mountain goat hunt and moving it to the Beaver unit. (See item 2a below.) This change will better meet the intent of this hunt, which is outlined in the statewide mountain goat plan.
2. New hunt:
 - a. The DWR is recommending a new archery-only mountain goat hunt on the Beaver unit. (See item 1a above for details.)

Please refer to the hunt tables and maps to see all recommended dates and season structure changes.

